

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The object of the present invention is to create a template for print settings used for printing a document based on an existing document. To achieve the object, the present invention is capable of registering the print settings for a document being currently edited as template information and reading the registered template information as print settings for the document being currently edited or a new document.

Thus, in the present invention, the print settings for an existing document can be utilized as print settings for printing a document. More preferably, the contents of a registered template can be edited. More preferably, a document in the present invention has a tree structure with pages as leaves; print settings can be made for each subtree; and, when a template is registered, the print settings made for the entire tree structure are registered as the template. More preferably, the document has a tree structure with pages as leaves; print settings can be made for each subtree; settings made at a lower hierarchy are preferentially applied to overlapped setting items; and when a template is registered, the print settings applied to a selected subtree is registered as a template. More preferably, the print settings can be modified by editing the document.